GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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PUBLIC TELEPHONES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of public telephones installed in rural areas under the Network Expansion Programme till March 31, 2004 in the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh alongwith the number of telephone working, district-wise;

(b) the total expenditure incurred so far on this work; and

(c) the total amount earned during 2003-04?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Dr. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) 5,09,682 villages in the country including 97,252 villages of Uttar Pradesh have been provided with Village Public Telephones (VPTs) facility as on 31.03.2004. Circle-wise details in respect of the country and SSA-wise details in respect of Uttar Pradesh are given in the Annexure I & II respectively.

(b) An amount of Rs. 701.50 crores in the country including Rs. 128.61 crore in Uttar Pradesh have been incurred for providing VPTs.

(c) Amount earned during 2003-04 from VPTs in the country is Rs. 38.08 crore including Rs. 87,34,665.00 for Uttar Pradesh.

Annexure I

Circl-wise Status of VPTs in the country as on 31-03-2004

Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	No. of Revenue Villages	No. of villages with VPTs as on 31-03-2004
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	201	198
2.	Andhra Pradesh	29460	23419
3.	Assam	24685	19379
4.	Bihar	41077	38475
5.	Chhattisgarh	19720	14665
6.	Gujarat	18125	11214
7	Haryana	6850	6811
8.	Himachal Pradesh	16925	16587
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	6764	4786
10.	Jharkhand	31703	26904
11.	Karnataka	27066	27066
12.	Kerala	1468	1468
13.	Kolkata Telephone District	437	437
14.	Madhya Pradesh	51806	37601
15.	Maharashtra	42467	31541
16.	NE-I	7125	4189
17.	NE-II	7020	3251

18.Orissa	46989	40753
19.Punjab	12687	12687
20.Rajasthan	39483	23858
21.Tamilnadu	17899	17899
22.Uttar Pradesh (East)	79792	76000
23.Uttar Pradesh (West)	23604	21268
24.Uttaranchal	15610	11729
25.West Bengal	38337	37306
26.Delhi	191	191
Total	607491	509682

Annexure II

Number of Villages Covered in Uttar Pradesh

Sl. NO.	Name of the District	No. of villages with telephone facility
1.	Agra	939
2.	Aligarh	972
3.	Hatharas	738
4.	Bareilly	1776
5.	Badaun	1751
6.	Bijnore	2301
7	Bulandshahar	1134
8.	Etah	1463
9.	Ghaziabad	577
10.	Merut	593
11.	Baghpat	287
12.	Mathura	874
13.	Moradabad	1516
14.	Muzaffar Nagar	898
15.	NOIDA G.B. Nagar	374
16.	Pilibhit	1334
17.	Rampur	1123
18.	Saharanpur	1270
19.	J.P. Nagar	1075
20.	Firozabad	253
21.	Allahbad	3511
22.	Azamgarh	3713
23.	Bahraich	1833
24.	Ballia	1710
25.	Banda	1204
26.	Barabanki	2063
27.	Basti	7062
28.	Deoria	3153
29.	Etawah	1493
30.	Faizabad	2648
31.	Farukhabad	1566
32.	Fatehpur	1370
33.	Gonda	2812
34.	Gorakhpur	3933
35.	Hamirpur	1094
36.	Hardoi	1858
37.	Jaunpur	3266
38.	Jhansi	1449
39.	Kanpur	1891
40.	Lakhimpur	1720
41.	Lucknow	743
42.	Mainpuri	1368
43.	Mau	1651

44.	Mirzapur	3133
45.	Orai	957
46.	Pratapgarh	2162
47.	Raibareli	1719
48.	Shahjahanpur	2181
49.	Sitapur	2260
50.	Sultanpur	2494
51.	Unnao	1672
52.	Varanasi	3710

Total 97252